

REMARKS

The parent (United States Patent Application 09/893,977 filed June 29, 2001) of this divisional was the subject of a restriction requirement whereby Applicant elected to prosecute claims 3-17 and 34. Accordingly, this application is directed to previously unelected claims (18-32) of the parent application.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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